

County of Alameda
Public Works Agency

Grade Crossings on Pleasanton-Sunol Road VICINITY MAP AND LOCATION PLAN

**ENDORSED
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ALAMEDA COUNTY**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(for filing pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21152)

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Project Title: "Installation of an Interchange Rail Tracks, AT-Grade Railroad Crossing, Minor Modification and Safety Improvements at Mile marker 2.0 Pleasanton-Sunol Road, Alameda County"

Project Location - Specific: The proposed project is located at Mile Marker 2.0 Pleasanton - Sunol Road in an un-incorporated area of Pleasanton Township, Alameda County, California

Project Location - City: Pleasanton (unincorporated) **PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project involves installation of an interchange track linking the County owned former Southern Pacific Railroad tracks (SPR) (currently leased and licensed to Pacific Locomotive Association (PLA)) to the west and the Union Pacific (UP) formerly owned by Western Pacific (WP) to the east will be installed. The installation of the interchange link will require excavation, fill and resurfacing of about 300m (1000 feet) of the existing roadway. The purposes of the project are to: 1) install safety devices consisting of railroad crossing signs in accordance with state and federal regulations; 2) enable the County owned tracks (now landlocked) to receive delivery of vintage railroad passenger cars and steam engines from the Union Pacific tracks. Except for minor temporary right of way construction easement, all the work will be done within the County owned right of way.

Name Of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Alameda


Name Of Person Or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alameda County Public Works Agency.

Exempt Status (check one):


- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080 (b)(3); 15269 (a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080 (b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec.15302, Class 2, County Section 8.2: Replacement or Reconstruction, Example (g) Reconstruction of existing highway/highway or highway/railroad separations within existing right-of-way when the width of roadway lanes is not increased.);
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section no.).

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The proposed project is located within the existing right of way and will not involve widening or realignment of the road or have an impact on existing environmental resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cynthia Butler **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 510-670-5248


Signature

9/3/02
Date


Date received at
Oakland, CA.

Date received for filing at OPR:

9-4-02
Oakland, CA

COUNTY CLERK

9-4-02

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Local Assistance Procedures Manual

EXHIBIT 6-J

Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion/Programmatic Categorical Exclusion
(CE/CE/PCE) Determination Form and Project Description Continuation SheetCATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION/PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

DETERMINATION FORM

04-ALJ-0-02
Dist.-Co.-Pte. (or Local Agency)PM 2.0/2.02 64-723451
K.P.J.K.P. (P.M.P.M.) E.A. (State project)R 23 255 57PLR-5833 (58)
Proj. No. (Local project)
(Fed. Prog. Prefix, Proj. No., Agr. No.)**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** (Briefly describe project, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved.)REINSTALLATION OF GRADU CROSSING AT Enter project description in this text box. PM 2.0 and installation of INDEPENDENCE
AT PM 2.0 ON ALABAMA SUNOL ROAD TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL RAILROAD
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**CEQA COMPLIANCE** (for State Projects only)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the following statements (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Correre List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION☐ Exempt by Statute (PRC 21080)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

☐ Categorically Exempt. Class ____ or General Rule exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (CCR 15061(b)(3)))

Signature: Environmental Office Chief

Date

Signature: Project Manager

Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE (23 CFR 771.117)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the following statements,

- This project does not have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the NEPA.
- This project does not involve substantial controversy on environmental grounds.
- This project does not involve significant impacts on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the DOT Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- In non-attainment or maintenance areas for Federal air quality standards: this project comes from a currently conforming plan and Transportation Improvement Program or is exempt from regional conformity.
- This project is consistent with all Federal, State, & local laws, requirements or administrative determinations relating to the environmental aspects of this action.

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the statements above under "NEPA Compliance", it is determined that the project is a:

- ☒ **PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (PCE):** Based on the evaluation of this project and supporting documentation in the project files, all the conditions of the September 7, 1990 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion have been met.
- ☐ **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE):** For actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant environmental effect and are excluded from the requirement to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Require FHWA determination.

Signature: Environmental Office Chief

Date

Signature: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Date

FHWA DETERMINATION

Based on the evaluation of this project and the statements above, it is determined that the project meets the criteria of and is properly classified as a Categorical Exclusion (CE).

Signature: FHWA Transportation Engineer

Date

Additional information attached or referenced, as appropriate (e.g. Mitigation commitments for NEPA only; Air Quality studies or documentation of exemption from regional conformity or use of CO Protocol; §106 commitments; §4(f) or Programmatic §4(f); date of COE nationwide permit; § 7 species survey results; Wetlands Finding; Floodplain Finding; additional studies; design conditions. Rev. 4/2001)